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ADMIT 7 VOTES WILL DO IT

Hanna Managers Acknowledge That He Has Opposition.

SAY IT IS NOT DANGEROUS

Republican Majority Now Claimed to Be Thirteen—The Warring Factions Now Engaged in Combating Each Other's Claims—Much Depends Upon the Democrats.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 22.—The Hanna managers now admit that a strong fight is being made against the junior Senator's election, but deny that there is any danger of his defeat, claiming that the opposition has not demonstrated beyond a doubt that the revolt against Hanna can succeed.

Heretofore the Hanna people, with the exception of a few of the lesser lights, have maintained that there was positively no opposition, but now the situation has become so intense that they can no longer ignore it, and in answer to the claims of the Forakerites, led by Charles L. Foraker, the friends of Senator Hanna are making counter claims. They admit it will take only seven votes to defeat Senator Hanna on joint ballot, providing the Democrats enter into alliance with the opposition.

This statement, as well as the assertion which follows, comes from Major Charles F. Dick and Senator Garfield, who are in close touch with the Senatorial situation.

These leaders declare that the Foraker Republicans have not got that many votes pledged, and furthermore cannot get them. In this figuring out the situation, the Hanna people concede the likelihood of Senator Burke and Representative Mason and Bramley voting with the Forakerites, and they also admit that there is not a little doubt as to the attitude of Representative Jones. They say these are the only ones out of Republicans that there is any danger of.

Upon the basis given the Republicans have seventy-eight votes on joint ballot, and the Democrats sixty-five. Included in the Republican count is Wright, who is enrolled on the official list of legislators as an independent Republican, but who, it is asserted, has pledged himself to Hanna.

The two free silver Republicans are not counted with the Democrats, but that is where they will stand, according to the claims of the Hanna people. That will make the majority of the Republicans thirteen. In this event it would only require seven votes to defeat Hanna.

HANNA RESUES THE HELM.

Accepts the Gamble Thrown Down by His Former Friends.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 22.—An agent for Senator Hanna has engaged hotel accommodations for that gentleman and his friends here. The Senator will have headquarters in the three principal hotels of the city. He is expected to arrive here tomorrow, as that will be the battle ground of the opposing factions. Howard Burgess, one of the younger politicians of Cleveland, will have charge of his interests at the Chittenden, while Charles Leach, also of Cleveland, will be his representative at the Great Southern.

It is the Senator's intention to come to Columbus as soon as the members of the general assembly rather next week, and he will stay on the ground until the

MORPHINE WOULDN'T KILL

Determined New York Suicide Then Resorts to Chloral.

HIS REMARKABLE LETTER

He Tells of His Useless Struggle for a Livelihood—The Unsuccessful Efforts of an Educated Man to Find Work, and the Details of His Attempts at Death.

New York, Dec. 22.—A man who registered as Edward J. Irving was found this morning in a room of the Mills Hotel, suffering from chloral poisoning. He died at St. Vincent's Hospital. The man's name was Edward J. Epstein, it is believed. Four letters were found on the man. One of these was addressed to the police. Another was addressed to the man's brother, George J. Epstein, San Antonio, Tex. Another was to his brother-in-law, Jules J. Bach, Brook, N. J., and a fourth to his uncle, Solomon Oppenheimer, of this city. In the letter to the police, Epstein said:

"I am a man who has been struggling for a livelihood. I have been unsuccessful in my efforts to find work, and I have been unable to support myself and my family. I have been forced to resort to chloral, and I have now found myself in a state of unconsciousness. I am sorry that I have been unable to find work, and I am sorry that I have been forced to resort to chloral. I am now in a state of unconsciousness, and I am unable to do anything more for myself or my family."

GOLD FROM AUSTRALIA

One Hundred Thousand Sovereigns Shipped Yesterday.

Comes in Settlement of European Balances and May Continue for Some Time.

London, Dec. 22.—Gold shipments from Australia to San Francisco have recommenced. One hundred thousand sovereigns have just been shipped, and more are going.

The foregoing dispatch evidently refers to the £100,000 (\$500,000) shipped from Australia on Monday by the steamship Alameda. That shipment is continued to the London, Paris, and American Bank, of which Lazard Freres of New York is the agent. No other bank has received advice of any other shipment by the steamship Alameda, although it is expected by those here that the receipts of gold from Australia will continue for some time. Foreign bankers will today that, although this country has sold large quantities of wheat to Australia this year, yet these receipts of gold were not payment for those wheat, but rather a settlement of balances owing in London to this country. The gold was sent here to Australia because it was cheaper to send it from there than from London. Practically, therefore, it is the same as if the gold came from London.

FIGHT WITH BURGLARS.

Two Badly Wounded, Two Surrender and One Escapes.

Winston, Conn., Dec. 22.—Word reached here this morning of a daring burglary at Canton, Conn., early this morning. At 2 o'clock this morning, Martin Reed, who must not be and never was a man, was sleeping in Jackson & Eggleston's general store, was awakened by a crashing of window glass. He grabbed his revolver and lay in wait.

Presently five men entered and began to loot the store, when Reed opened fire. The burglars, two of whom fell, two others threw up their hands and the fifth one escaped.

One burglar was shot through the leg and the other was probably fatally shot in the arm. The thieves fled from the store.

NOVEL CRAFT BEING BUILT.

Baltimoreans Will Use It to Get to the Gold Country.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—There is being built in this city a novel craft for travel on the Yukon River. The vessel is constructed on the order of a catamaran, but has two hulls, instead of twin hulls. The center boat of the craft will be completed by January 15, and will be shipped at once to Seattle, with all the tools necessary in mining, and a ten-horse-power engine. Two smaller boats will be added. The boat, it is said, will sail twenty-five miles an hour through water and sixty miles an hour on ice, this being made possible by its peculiar construction. The boat is thirty-four and one-half feet long, nine feet beam, and will have a carrying capacity of thirty-five tons. The sail power will be of the lateen rig, consisting of balloon jib of 500 square yards of canvas, foresail of 120 square yards, jib of fifty square yards. The construction of boats will have accommodations for twelve men. This vessel is being constructed by the Matthews' Alaska Mining and Trading Company, of this city, which has been incorporated for the purpose of carrying on business in the gold fields.

BANK OF HAWAII CHARTERED.

China May Soon Participate in the Country's Banking Interests.

Honolulu, Dec. 15, via San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The cabinet today granted a charter for the Bank of Hawaii, with a capital stock of \$500,000, which may be increased to \$1,000,000, at the option of the charterers.

Gao Kim, the Chinese commercial agent here, has given notice that he will establish a bank as a branch of the Peking Company shortly after the first of the year. There is plenty of idle money here, but none to loan on sugar stock securities owing to the uncertainty of annexation.

SEATERS FOR THE TREASURE GROND.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Arrangements were completed here today for building six powerful light-draught stern-wheel steamers to ply to Alaskan waters in conjunction with two ocean steamers purchased by the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company in Scotland. The ocean steamers will run from Vancouver to Wrangell, where they will connect with the light-draught steamers being built here to ply on the Stikine River. The line will be run by the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

WEDDING GOWN HER SHROUD.

Manaroneck, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Shore Buckster, who was married to Charles W. Buckster, clerk of this village, on Thanksgiving Day, was held this afternoon. Rev. E. C. Hoag, pastor of the church, who conducted the services, had also officiated at the young woman's wedding. The ushers at the wedding acted as pallbearers. Mrs. Buckster's wedding gown was her funeral shroud.

LAMBER, MILL WORK, SASH, DOOR.

Lumber, Mill Work, Sash, Door, Blinds, and a Half Thick and the best made.

VICTIM OF MASKED ROBBERS.

Death Sentence of His Assassination Outlawed by Time Allowance.

EXPLOITATION OF CHINA

John Bull Claims His Share of the Profits.

Wonders at Our Apathy.

America Really the Primary Force Which Impels Europe to Seek an Eastern Outlet—Russia Strongly Anti-British in Sentiment—Talk of a China-German War.

London, Dec. 22.—The situation in the East is not at all reassuring. Indeed, as the days go by the concern among those who dread a probable clash of arms becomes more and more acute.

England, who always develops at the time of a crisis a superfluity of "peace at any price" cranks, has simply done what all rational people knew would be done. That is to say, she has announced in effect that if China is to be broken up, she herself will save one of the pieces.

Well informed military men scout the idea that the country which, as was sung at the Queen's jubilee, rules "half the world and all the waves," is in the mercy of Russia and Germany.

The maneuvers at Kail are not forgotten, and if the British could not enter Oriental waters and drive the combined fleets of prospective allies away, the British think they could, and after all, it is eckness as distinguished from absolute certainty, that first shot in wars of magnitude.

Whether there is a secret alliance between Japan and England or not makes little difference. All that is not going to tolerate a far Eastern menace to her Indian possessions. She has as much of this sort of thing among the Afghan frontier as is good for her peace of mind.

And by the way, the Englishman's policy of protecting his interests at every point of the compass is what causes him to knit his brow inadvertently when he is informed that there are American Senators who actually oppose the absorption of Hawaii, especially now that the partition of China, sooner or later, is regarded by him as inevitable.

If the Orient became European in control, the United States would be defenseless in such a situation, unless they had a navy capable of guarding their coast line and at least one coaling station in the mid-Pacific.

It is conceded that American commercial supremacy and America's exorbitant natural resources are responsible for the present movement toward territorial acquisition in China.

Europe must have an outlet for its surplus, both of population and products. More than any other nation, perhaps, except China, the great republic is threatened by the contemplated exploitation of the Orient.

England, which commercially, if not otherwise, is the hereditary foe of the republic, has already demanded concessions from China commensurate with those made by other powers.

It has been suggested that the Japanese and British occupy Wei-Hai-Wei jointly. The situation at Kiaochow Bay is unchanged. Germany remains unbending and the Chinese commissaries are divided as to whether it should be peace or war with Germany.

China regards Russia as her only friend, and is looking for advice alone. British influence is not having suffered greatly through the failure of the late negotiations. China is now negotiating a loan with Russia. The latter demands the dismissal of the British railroad engineers in North China and it is probable that it will be granted.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, Russia, dated December 21, in a strong and British article, said today:

"In consequence of the pretension of England to compensate herself for the Russian occupation of Port Arthur by the acquisition of Port Hamilton or Lanzaoff, and in view of the possibility of the European powers to carve up China and divide the slices among themselves may lead to serious complications," said the Hon. Randall Cremer, yesterday, the ex-member of Parliament who is now in Washington working for a new treaty of amity with China.

"If the young German Emperor means to enlarge his possessions in the East he will find that other nations will not look quietly on."

"France will have something to say if there is to be a partition of territory. England would not stand passive and allow Germany, Russia, and, perhaps, France, to carry out schemes of aggrandizement in the Orient. Last, but not least, the United States must be reckoned with. How could this country, with its enormous relations with China, calmly submit to any European scheme of conquest and plunder which cannot be detrimental to the business interests of America?"

"The Anglo-Saxon countries, mother and daughter combined, could call a halt on any project of that kind and the order would certainly be respected. But such an alliance would be advantageous to both countries is clear to all who are not swayed by prejudice. England and America united can stand against the world, and I believe such a union is manifest destiny."

CHINA INVOKES AID.

Invites America to Play in the Great Eastern Game.

It is reported, though not on authority, that this Government has been asked to be a party to the great game that is now going on off the Chinese coast. The Chinese Government, it is said, has turned to this Government as perhaps the only great power not interested in getting a share of China should that empire be dismembered.

It is understood that the authorities

KIDNAPER WARNER BACK

Leader of the Conway Boy Abductors in Albany Jail.

SURPRISED WHILE FEEDING CATTLE

on a Kansas Farm and Returned to the Scene of the Crime.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Albert S. Warner, the New York lawyer and would-be Kansas Populist, who was the master mind of the trio which kidnaped the little Conway boy last August with a view of securing \$3,000 ransom money, is in the Albany jail. He arrived this afternoon and will be tried at the January term of the county court.

He will undoubtedly be convicted and receive just as heavy a sentence as his two pals, H. G. Blake and Joseph M. Hardy, young Conway's uncle, who are each serving a term of fourteen years and four months in Clinton prison.

Warner has not yet decided whether he will plead guilty and save the county the expense of a trial. He was handcuffed when Detective McCann carried him from feed feeding cattle on the Goodrich farm, three miles from Riley, Kan. He was speechless for a few moments, when he said to McCann:

"I never saw you before."

"No, but I've seen you," replied McCann.

Warner then admitted his identity. He was taken to jail and as soon as he arrived there, sent a telegram to his mother in New York city, saying: "Am captured. Don't worry."

Warner did not intend to go to jail, he said, but he had no choice. He said his mother was employed as a hotel clerk, he went to Philadelphia. From there he worked his way on freight trains to Kansas City, and finally to the Goodrich farm, where he worked for several weeks.

He was arrested when he returned to his home in New York city, and he was taken to jail. He said he had ample time to reach there.

KANSAS INSURANCE EXPERT.

Judge Foster's Facility Astonishes the New York Companies.

New York, Dec. 22.—Judge E. C. Foster, of Topeka, Kan., special examiner for the insurance department of the State of Kansas, is now examining the affairs of the Royal Insurance Company. Insurance experts everywhere have been astounded by the facility with which Judge Foster has gained what seemed to him a satisfactory insight into the affairs of the companies which had come under his observation. Ten days are always enough for him to learn all that Supt. McNall, of the Kansas insurance department, desires to have embodied in a report about any given company.

The rate which Supt. McNall authorizes his examiners to charge is \$25 a day and expenses.

"My mission to this State may be expressed in two words, we have no losses," said Judge Foster today. "The companies that have business there are our invited guests. Last year Kansas paid out \$1,700,000 in insurance premiums to these people. Every dollar of that money went out of the State to the insurance companies. We do not know what they did with it, but we do know that only \$900,000 ever came back in the shape of payment for our losses. It behooves us to know something about these companies."

The judge explained his plan of investigation as follows: "I have the companies bring me their books, and I make these cases here and there. If there is any mistake in a book a test case is bound to catch it. Then I go into their losses department and I see how many unpaid claims they have, and how many claims pending adjustment, and I find out why those claims are not paid, or why they are subject to adjustment."

FOUR MEN MURDERED.

Hunting Party's Sad Fate in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 22.—A party of hunters from Chicago outfitted here for a big hunt up in the northwestern part of this State two weeks ago. Word reached here today that the bodies of four men, with all hunting equipment, were found by the road in Indian hollows near Cottonwood, N. W., early Monday morning.

Meeting of Frank Line Officials.

New York, Dec. 22.—The presidents of the trunk lines were in conference today at the Joint Traffic rooms with the presidents of their chief Western connections and with the board of managers of the Joint Traffic Association regarding the subject of rates, and in particular the restoration and maintenance of the rates upon eastbound business. The conference was not completed, and an adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

Pennsylvania State Convention.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The Republican State convention held in this city today and fixed the time for the State convention as June 6, and Harrisburg as the place. Chairman John Elkin presided, and there were nearly 100 out of 120 members present.

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LETTER FROM GEN. GOMEZ

Tells How Pando Was Turned Back by Cubans.

SPANISH GENERALS ALL ALIKE

No Difference Between Blanco and His Predecessors—Law Against

Emigrants to Be Rigidly Enforced—At Old Man's Terrible Alternative.

Havana, Dec. 20.—Gen. Gomez has written from Sancti Spiritus the following letter to a Cuban friend, under date of December 14:

"Gen. Pando had to abandon his campaign against our troops in this district in spite of all his boasts that he was going to pass through this territory and reach Santiago de Cuba province by land, attacking Gen. Calixto Garcia and Raul, after the extermination of all the patriots here."

"Instead of that when we had fought three hard engagements he left suddenly by sea for Manzanillo and Gen. Segura did the same shortly afterwards. There is nothing more like one Spanish general than another Spanish general. They all seem the same. Pando has done against me what Weyler did and Weyler what Martinez Campos did. Great military preparations, great waste of men and money, and the same result."

"I am very much pleased with the communications I receive from all parts of the island. The spirit of the army is the best, and I am sure that the law against emigrants from the Spanish camps, who dare to approach our lines with a selfish proposition of autonomy, will be rigidly enforced."

The case of Col. Ruiz has frightened the Spaniards here, and for the moment attempts to send Spanish commissaries to the insurgent lines with proposals for surrender have been given up. A cruel order of Gen. Blanco is now to be executed on a helpless old man, Jose Robau, father of the well-known insurgent commander, Jose Luis Robau, who made himself conspicuous during Weyler's latest campaign in Santa Clara province. The old man is threatened with death if he refuses to go to Bagua, where his son is operating, and deliver him a written invitation to surrender to the Spaniards.

"Between being shot by us and hanged by Weyler you may choose."

This is the dilemma put on old Robau by an adjutant of Gen. Blanco.

Terror prevails among the Cuban families in Havana, on account of the threatening attitude of the conservatives. It is feared that the death of Col. Ruiz will have a bad effect on the Cuban residents of this city, if Gen. Blanco does not energetically restrain the conservatives and the volunteers.

His death would be a great blow to the Cuban cause, and it is feared that the Spaniards will use it as a pretext to send commissaries to the insurgent camp asking the pardon of a Spanish officer.

An insurgent named Quinones, who surrendered today to the Spanish authorities, has declared, according to an official report, that the Cuban Gen. Maria Rodriguez was wounded in the battle fought on December 10. The insurgents are endeavoring to force Gen. Gomez, which forbids the firing of guns.

The casualties on the Spanish side were: Menendez, Cifra and Pazo Sere, between Calabazar, Calvario and Arroyo Naranjo, a few miles from Havana, were burned yesterday by the insurgents.

Officially it is declared that a report yet known if the burning was intentional or by accident.

RUIZ A BRIBE GIVER.

Private Letter Received in New York Condemns Him.

New York, Dec. 22.—Senator Clarence A. Black, of New York, has received a letter from a member of the Cuban revolutionary committee in Havana. This letter, which brings the first information by mail from Cuban sources about the killing of Col. Ruiz, is dated December 16. Here is a translation of the letter:

"Col. Jeagruin Ruiz, the former superintendent of the Alcazar Water Works, paying no heed to orders issued by Gen. Gomez, and wishing to make little of the laws of the republic, ordered that Col. Ruiz be tried by a summary court-martial. The military tribunal sentenced him to death, and he was executed three days ago."

"May Ruiz rest in peace! Honor to Aranguren's stern discipline."

"Caudales was making ready to go on a similar errand to Gen. Pedro Ballester, in Matanzas. I believe he has now changed his mind. How long will it take our enemies to understand that the sacred cause we defend is independence or death?"

Senator Jose Cales, above referred to, is was in this city a short time since, and found the American feeling on the Cuban question. He is in Cuba now, trying to find what effect the offer of autonomy will have on the Cubans.

COTTON MEN OF FALL RIVER.

A Strike Regarded as a Panacea of Their Woes.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 22.—The attitude of the leaders of the operatives has changed greatly since the reply of the cotton manufacturers, refusing to rescind the order for a general cut down of 10 per cent. in January, was issued last night and today they are advocating a strike as the only possible relief for the present situation.

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Justice Brewer at Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 22.—Associate Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, delivered an address at the New England Society's annual banquet here tonight. The subject was "The Sacredness of Home Life." During the course of his remarks he referred to the case of a constable to search a man's home, and showed that he was opposed to such legislation. What he said was complex to have reference to the Tillman dispensary law.

Holiday Rates to Fort Monroe, Newport News and Norfolk.

Norfolk and Washington Steamship Company will sell tickets to above points December 22, 23 and 24. Round trip return until January 2, inclusive, at \$3.50 for the round trip.

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